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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Narcotics Information

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- is preparing recommendations for Mayor Wagner in the field of narcotics control. He stated that one proposal he had under consideration was to recommend Federal legislation giving the Central Intelligence Agency the specific responsibility for obtaining information on poppy growing, the cpium trade, and other aspects of the whole narcotics problem.
- 2. I explained to Mr. Moz that while we and the other intelligence agencies did cooperate with the Bureau of Narcotics, Department of the Treasury, legislation such as was considered would be incompatible with the present concept of the intelligence system. Mr. Moz said he trusted that any information developed in the narcotics field would find its way not only to the U. S. authorities but to the United Nations for international control action. I said this would be handled by the appropriate U. S. representatives in the United Nations and that they would be responsible for furnishing narcotics information to the United Nations' authorities. I said if any recommendation in this field were made it might be merely to stress the need for obtaining information in the fields in which he was interested, and Mr. Moz seemed to think this was a course he would follow. Presumably, therefore, the recommendations to Mayor Wagner will include reference to stressing the intelligence role in the narcotics field.

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